of all Asia most lamentably sacked and defaced.

Argus] was of the Poets deuised to be full of eyes, and therefore to hym was committed the keeping of the transformed Covv Io: So called because that in the print of a Covves foote, there is figured an I in the middest of an O.

His name) he meaneth Aaron: whose name for more Decorum, the shepheard sayth he hath forgot, lest his remembraunce and skill in antiquities of holy vvrit should seeme to exceede the meanenesse of the Person.

Not so true) for Aaron in the absence of Moses started aside, and committed Idolatry.

In purple] Spoken of the Popes and Cardinalles, vvhich vse such tyrannical colours and pompous paynting.

Belts) Girdles.

Glitterand) Glittering, a Participle vsed sometime in Chaucer, but altogether in I. Goore

Theyr Pan) that is the Pope, vvhom they count theyr God and greatest shepheard.

Palinode) A shepheard, of vvhose report he seemeth to speake all thys.

VVisards) greate learned heads. VVelter) wallovve. Kerne) a Churle or Farmer.

Sike mister men) such kinde of men. Surly) stately and provvde Melling) medling.

Bett) better. Bynempte) named. Gree) for degree.

Algrin the name of a shepheard afforesayde, vvhose myshap he alludeth to the chaunce that happened to the Poet Æschylus, that vvas brayned with a shellfishe.

Embleme.

By thys poesye Thomalin confirmeth that, vvhich in hys former speach by sondrye reasons he had proued. for being both hymselfe sequestred from all ambition and also abhorring it in others of hys cote, he taketh occasion to prayse the meane and lovvly state, as that wherein is safetie vvithout feare, and quiet without danger, according to the saying of olde Philosophers, that vertue dwelleth in the middest, being enuironed vvith tvvo contrary vices: vvhereto Morrell repleth vvith continuaunce of the same Philosophers opinion, that albeit all bountye dvvelleth in mediocritie, yet perfect felicitye dvvelleth in supremacie. for they say, and most true it is, that happinesse is placed in the highest degree, so as if any thing be higher or better, then that streight way ceaseth to be perfect happines. Much like to that, vvhich once I heard alleaged in defence of humilitye out of a great doctour, Suorum Christus humillimus: which saying a gentle man in the company taking at the rebownd, beate backe again vvith lyke saying of another Doctoure, as he sayde. Suorum deus allissimus.

Ægloga octau

ARGVMENT

IN this Æglogue is setforth a delectable co of that in Theocritus: whereto also Virgile f Æglogue. They chooſe for vmpere of their stri who hauing ended their cauſe, reciteth also hi Colin he ſayth was Authour.

VVillye. Perigot.

TEll me *Perigot*, what shalbe t
Wherefore with myne thou
Or bene thy Bagpypes ren
Or hath the Crampe thy iop

Perigot.

Ah *Willye*, when the hart is ill assay
How can Bagpipe, or iopynts be we

VVillye.

What the foule euill hath thee so be
Whilom thou was peregall to the
And wont to make the iolly shepehe
With pyping and dauncing, didst p